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¶1. (C) PolChief delivered reftel demarche points rejecting Russian recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia to newly-appointed Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary (PS), Dr. Patricia Rodgers, September 2. PS Rodgers made no substantive comments in reply but indicated the GCOB was likely to take a stand similar to ours. She added later that the GCOB was aware of the situation in Georgia, but that it was not a priority issue. COMMENT: The PS's statements reflect the overall GCOB position of taking polite notice but showing no motivation or inclination to take action on distant geopolitical issues unconnected to specific Bahamian interests or priorities. END COMMENT.

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